

**MINUTES**  
**SANDY CITY QUADRANT AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
Sandy City Hall - Council Chamber Room #211  
10000 Centennial Parkway  
Sandy, Utah 84070

**February 3, 2009**

Meeting was commenced at 7:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**Council Members:** Chairman Stephen P. Smith, Bryant Anderson, Scott Cowdell, Steve Fairbanks, Chris McCandless, Linda Martinez Saville, and Dennis Tenney

**Mayor:** Tom Dolan

**Others in Attendance:** CAO Byron Jorgenson; City Attorney Walter Miller; Community Development Director Mike Coulam; Public Utilities Director Shane Pace; Public Works Director Rick Smith; Economic Development Director Randy Sant; Deputy to the Mayor John Hiskey; Police Chief Stephen Chapman; Fire Chief Don Chase; Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Shay; Administrative Services Director Art Hunter; Council Office Director Phil Glenn; Council Office Manager Pam Lehman, Council Executive Secretary Wendy Densley

**\*\*\*HISTORIC SANDY QUADRANT MEETING\*\*\***

1. **WELCOME/PRAYER/PLEDGE:**

The Prayer was offered by **Boy Scout Michael Wrigley of Troop #1531**, and the Pledge was led by **Matthew Jensen of Troop #1531**.

2. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

a. **Standard & Poors AA+ Bond Rating [Hunter]** [7:49:29 PM](#)

**Administrative Services Director** reported that the City received an AA+ Bond Rating from Standards & Poor's. The City went from an AA- to an AA+ rating, one of the highest ratings for a water utility bond. The financial position of the City was reviewed including the test terms, coverage, cash reserves, rating structure, funding for capital projects, especially aging infrastructure, economic fundamentals, and management of water utilities. Mr. Hunter congratulated Public Utilities Director Shane Pace on the rating.

3. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Council, Mayor, Department Heads, Planning Commission, and Community Coordinators

**Chairman Stephen Smith** introduced the City Council members, and excused Councilman Scott Cowdell who was away on urgent business.

**CAO Byron Jorgenson** introduced Mayor Dolan, along with the various Department Heads in attendance at the Historic Sandy Quadrant Meeting. Mr. Jorgenson invited the public to address any issues, questions, or concerns with them following the Quadrant Meeting.

4. **Mayor Tom Dolan:** **State of the City Overview** [:18:20 PM](#)

**Mayor Dolan** reported that Utah's economy has been more vibrant than the rest of the country, but that we are now beginning to feel the effects of the recession. He explained what the three major funding/revenue sources were for the City:

1. Sales tax revenues
2. Property tax revenues

3. Franchise fees.

Sales tax revenues consist of approximately 40% of the City's budget. Sales tax revenues are down 6% from last year. With the decline in the housing market and job losses, building fees also down. The State currently has a 4.3% unemployment rate which is low compared to the rest of the Country. Property taxes have not been raised in Sandy City in twenty-three years, and no increase is intended.

The City has three goals which we would like to accomplish during the recession:

- (1) No layoffs, and a soft hiring freeze to keep the work force together.
- (2) Maintain services.
- (3) No tax increases.

Each department was asked to reduce their operating budget by 3%, and to do everything possible to maintain the quality of service the residents have come to expect. Some of the seasonal and contract positions have been cut, and vacant positions will not be filled at this time.

He reviewed various projects that have been completed in the City and the Sandy Quadrant: A new Fire Station for the Alta Quadrant, the purchase of a building near 170 East 9100 South to

house the Public Utilities and Public Works facilities, the completion of the Rio Tinto Stadium, completion of road improvements along State Street, future improvements to 90<sup>th</sup> South and 700 East, the 114<sup>th</sup> South Interchange, which is scheduled to begin construction in the Spring, and the future widening of 1300 East from 7800 South to 10600 South.

The City has purchased additional water shares over the past ten years to secure water needs for many years to come, along with new water storage units in the City. Many of the City's wells have been retrofitted in the event of an emergency. He reported that the Urban Fishery, located at the River Oaks Golf Course, will be open September 1<sup>st</sup>. The city is working with the Jordan School District to build a neighborhood park on the north side of Union Middle School. Salt Lake County, along with the Mayors in the valley, have committed working towards completing their portions of the Jordan River Parkway.

5. **Community Development Director Mike Coulam:** Overview of Development occurring in the City including: Retail Commercial, Professional Business, and Residential. [:43:17 PM](#)

**Community Development Director Michael Coulam** invited the public to come and address their concerns with him regarding growth, development, building and safety, and master planning.

6. **Public Utilities Director Shane Pace:** Overview of improvements to Culinary Water Operations, Street Lights, and Storm Water. [:43:44 PM](#)

**Public Utilities Director Shane Pace** reported that the Public Utilities Department provides water services to the residents in the community, along with storm water and street lighting needs.

7. **Public Works Director Rick Smith:** Overview of City Roads, New Construction, Maintenance, Snow Removal, Transportation issues, and Spring/Fall Clean-up Programs. [:44:17 PM](#)

**Public Works Director Rick Smith** reviewed the various services provided by the Public Works Department. They include: street repair and maintenance, hazardous concrete, street sweeping, snowplowing, waste collection, and the ABOP [antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint] Facility. The facility is open five days a week, during business hours, at the Public Works facility.

8. **Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Shay:** Proposed long-term additions and improvements to the City's Parks, Trails, Recreation Programs, and Cultural Arts Facilities. [:44:53 PM](#)

**Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Shay** introduced **Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Scott Earl** and **Parks Superintendent Dan Medina**. A handout was presented with the numbers and e-mail addresses of the various Parks Department Staff. The Parks Department oversees parks and trails, recreation, the Sandy Senior Center, River Oaks Golf Course, and the Alta Canyon Sports Center. She noted that two new parks have been added to the Sandy Quadrant: The Amphitheater Park, which is scheduled to open on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and The Urban Fishery and pavilion which is scheduled to open on September 1st.

9. **Police Chief Stephan Chapman:** Police Operations Update [:46:31 PM](#)

**Police Chief Stephen Chapman** introduced **Lieutenant John Eining**, who is assigned to the Sandy Quadrant, and **Crime Prevention Specialist Amy Bryant**. He invited the public to come back and learn about the exciting programs that are offered to the community by the Police Department.

10. **Fire Chief Don Chase:** Fire Operations Update [:47:16 PM](#)

**Fire Chief Don Chase** reported that 70% of the services provided by the Fire Department are related to medical services. The City has five fire stations with Paramedics located in each of the stations. They have added some new equipment to better assist in saving lives: A Non-Evasive Carbon Monoxide Monitor, along with a Heart Monitor. Paramedics can detect the level of carbon monoxide poisoning in an individual's blood stream by placing a probe on the finger, and Fire staff can come to a home where there may be problems, put a probe on one's finger and read the condition. Heart monitors allow Paramedics to bypass going to Alta View, and take the patient directly to the IMC Medical Center. This equipment identifies problems that may require surgery; the patient can be in surgery in less than ten minutes. They also teach CERT, CPR, and first aid classes.

11. **BREAK OUT FOR CITIZENS' QUESTIONS & STAFF ANSWER SEGMENT:** See *individual stations*

### **\*\*\*SANDY CITY COUNCIL MEETING\*\*\***

#### **COUNCIL ITEM(S):**

1. **Resolution: Budget Cuts to General Fund, Capital Projects 2<sup>nd</sup> 1%**  
**Resolution #09-11C** – reducing total appropriations within the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

**Discussion:** **Administrative Services Director Art Hunter** noted that Resolution #09-11 C is to approve the second round of 1% budget cuts to the General Fund and the Capital Projects Funds as previously discussed.

**Motion:** **Scott Cowdell** made the motion to adopt Resolution #09-11C, reducing total appropriations within the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

**Second:** **Linda Martinez Saville**

**Vote:** **Cowdell- Yes, Saville- Yes, Anderson –Yes, Tenney- Yes, McCandless-Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Smith- Yes,**

**Motion Approved: All in Favor**

2. **Resolution cancelling the February 10, 2009 City Council Meeting (for Awards Banquet)**  
**Resolution #09-12C** – canceling the February 10, 2009 City Council Meeting.

**Motion:** Scott Cowdell made the motion to adopt Resolution #09-12 C, canceling the February 10, 2009 City Council Meeting for the Annual Awards Banquet.  
**Second:** Linda Martinez Saville  
**Vote:** Cowdell- Yes, Saville- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Anderson- Yes, McCandless-Yes, Tenney- Yes, Smith- Yes,  
**Motion Approved:** All in Favor

**MINUTES:**

3. Approving the **January 13, 2009** and the **January 27, 2009** City Council meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Chris McCandless made the motion to approve the January 13, 2009 and the January 27, 2009 City Council meeting minutes as written.  
**Second:** Steve Fairbanks  
**Vote:** The Council responded verbally in the affirmative to the motion.

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT 8:20:23 PM**

a. **Mayor Dolan** reported that he has spent a great deal of his time at the Legislative Session. He met with the President of the Senate, Senator Waddoups, to make certain that the 6.25 million city earmarked that was in last year's budget is preserved in this year's budget. John Hiskey is following a number of bills before the Legislature. The City is working with various lobbyists regarding the school district issue.

5. **CAO'S REPORT 8:21:39 PM**

a. **Byron Jorgenson** reported that Spring Clean-up is scheduled to begin in March. Concrete is being poured at Flat Iron Park, and that the sales tax rates for November were higher than our pessimistic estimates. He reported that the Police Chief has put together a Task Force to deal with the recent rash of smash and grabs in the City. He also noted that the Fire Chief reported that the new defibrillator that was purchased by the Fire Department has saved the lives of several Sandy residents who have suffered heart attacks.

6. **COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 8:24:30 PM**

a. **Phil Glenn** presented a copy of the Legislative Update from John Hiskey, along with the Council's updated calendar for the month

b. **Phil Glenn** presented the names for the Employee of the Year award to the Council. The Council reviewed them, then made a determination on a recipient.

7. **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS 8:26:06 PM**

a. **Steve Fairbanks** expressed appreciation for John Hiskey's and Pat Casaday's diligence in reviewing bills that pertain to the City and are before the Legislature, and in helping find things that could be detrimental to the City.

b. **Scott Cowdell** stated that he would like the Council to be more informed and involved in next year's nominations for the Noel Bateman award. He also strongly suggested that with the recent increase of smash and grabs in the City, that the City should recommend that UTA hire a security officer to patrol the park and ride lots in the City.

c. **Stephen Smith** asked that the Administration express appreciation on behalf of the Council to ReAL for the use of the facility for the Historic Sandy Quadrant Meeting.

At approximately **8:28 p.m.**, **Chris McCandless** made a motion to adjourn Council Meeting, motion seconded by **Linda Martinez Saville**.

**The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.**

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Stephen P. Smith  
Council Chairman

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